

REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the identified invention of Group IV, claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-24, 26-38, 40-54, 57-64, 67-69 and 76 to initially prosecute in this application. The claims are amended in this response, with some claims being canceled. As a result, claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 14, 16-24, 27, 28, 37, 38, 40-51, 61-64, 67, 68, 76-79, 83 and 84 are pending in the application, and claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 14, 16-24, 27, 28, 37, 38, 40-51, 61-64, 67, 68, 76-79, 83 and 84 encompass the elected invention.

Applicants hereby further elect, without traverse, the identified species of 9-phenylpropyl compounds recited in claim 61. Applicants respectfully submit that this species election should be sufficient to permit examination without undue burden. However, if a more specific election of species is needed, the species of ethyl 9-phenylpropyl-1-methyl- β -carboline-3-carboxylate (e.g., compound 59 of Example 88 of the application) is hereby elected.

The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1, 3-5, 7-11, 14, 16-24, 37, 38, 40-45, 61-64, 67, 68, 76-79, 83 and 84 (Claims 1, 3-5, 8-11, 14, 16-24, 37, 38, 40-45, 61-64, 67, 68, 76-79, 83 and 84 for the specific compound 59). Claims 1, 37, 76, 77 and 84 are generic.

It is understood that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim.

It is further understood that rejoinder of non-elected claims is possible if these claims require or are amended to require all the limitations of an allowable claim. Accordingly, in accordance with MPEP 821.04(a), if any elected claim is found to be allowable Applicants respectfully request the opportunity for rejoinder of non-elected claims.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 504480 (Order No. CPALP003).

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